PARK & RECREATION MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order:

The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street, Rushville. President David Hasecuster called the meeting to order. Members present were Tim Shuppert, Jan Voiles, Tim Yazel, Jack Harmon and Denny Corn. Also present was Attorney Julie Newhouse, Secretary Carla Sharpe and Parks Director Danny Mathews.

Minutes:

Minutes of August 14, 2007 was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve minutes for the month. Corn seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Claims:

Reviewed prior to meeting by Voiles and Corn. Voiles moved to approve the claims for the month. Corn seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved for the month.

Unfinished Business:

Swimming Pool Update – Hasecuster reported that several of them had a meeting with Custer Electric and it's the consensus that this electrical problem is over our heads and it has been decided to have an electrical engineer review the scope and prepare specs. Hasecuster explained that he would like to see us put the concession stand in one box, the pool on one box and a shut off in a separate box.

Harmon said they called Butler Fairman and they have no electrical engineer on staff

Newhouse stated that for services you have to get quotes.

Harmon suggested getting Roy Mohr with Rosfeld's Electric to do the specs as that's what he specializes in.

Newhouse stated that you can do a telephone or fax quote if under \$25,000.

Needs to be a written submission if over \$25,000.

Newhouse stressed you can't spec the project then turn around and bid on the project.

It was suggested to have Roy spec and Verlin bid.

Harmon moved to authorize Parks Department to find someone to spec the project and then look at the specs then bid it out ASAP. He feels it should be someone not interested in doing the work at the pool to spec it out. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss Refund Policy for Swimming Pool – Shuppert feels we should refund money for bad weather. He suggested issuing rain checks. It was decided to put a time limit in force.

Shuppert made a motion that if they swim over two hours, no rain checks will be given. Anything under two hours and pool is closed, rain checks will be given. Plus it was decided to continue with the sign in sheet. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss Basketball Goals at Community Park – Mathews has had some requests to put a basketball court back in Community Park.

Corn feels if there was a basketball court there that park would be used more. Mathews stated that goals run \$1,500 each.

Hasecuster said he feels we should wait and see how the new skateboard park goes.

Voiles stressed she feels the basketball court should be separate from the skateboard park.

Mathews stated he will get figures for a new court.

Harmon suggested fencing both off to separate the two functions.

Mathews stated if we use half of the skateboard park for basketball court then it would run \$3,000 plus the cost of the fence to split the courts.

Corn stated he feels with a basketball court there and by offering another attraction it might help keep vandalism down at the skateboard park. It was decided to table until next meeting and Mathews will get figures.

Reports:

Sharpe reported that the sixth concert for the season is a Blues Concert. The Gordon Bonham Band and Blues Legend Sam Lay will be performing at Riverside Parks Amphitheater this Saturday the 15th at 7:30 P.M.

Sharpe also reported that the letters have gone out to start raising funds for Halloween. Halloween is right around the corner and urged anyone who wanted to help with donations, candy, judging or decorating is to contact Carla at the Mayor's Office.

Hasecuster stated the ARC Bike Ride is September 30th and they will be leaving from the park.

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Reports Continued:

Sharpe reported that the windows at Booker T. will be put in by the end of next

Mathews stated the swim pool looks nice. Is all painted now. Looks fantastic! American Clean and Seal have been working on it for a week now. Mathews is very pleased.

Hasecuster stated that on behalf of St. Mary's he wanted to thank Mathews for helping with the basketball goal.

Sharpe reported that Clerk Treasurer Copley stated the minimum wage is now \$5.85

A lifeguard makes \$6.00 now. She just raised the concession stand worker to \$5.85 as they were making \$5.45 an hour. Then as of July of 2008 the minimum wage will raise again to \$6.55.

Mathews felt that guards should make more.

Corn moved to raise the lifeguard's salary to \$7.00 an hour and raise the concessions to \$5.85 an hour and then in July 2008 raise their salary to \$6.55 an hour. Yazel seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Approve Sponsorship for Horseshoe Tournament – Shuppert moved to sponsor the Bob Sheppard Horseshoe Tournament for \$500.00. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

DAVID HASECUSTER, PRESIDENT	JACK HARMON, VICE PRESIDENT
DENNY CORN, MEMBER	TIM YAZEL, MEMBER
JAN VOILES, MEMBER	TIM SHUPPERT, MEMBER
ATTEST:	
CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY	